

MINNESOTA

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Nursery Stock: Trees, shrubs, and other plants having a persistent woody stem; all hardy herbaceous perennials; and parts of either of those which are capable of propagation.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Any person from another state shipping nursery stock into Minnesota shall be accorded treatment similar to that which is required of Minnesota nursery operators, dealers, or agents who ship or sell nursery stock in such state. Each out-of-state nursery operator or dealer shall file a certified current copy of an out-of-state certificate in the office of the commissioner. The commissioner may accept, in lieu of such individual certificates, a certified list of current certified nursery operators or dealers from the regulatory agency having jurisdiction in the state or origin. A tag bearing a reasonable facsimile of the certificate of inspection (approved by the commissioner) shall be attached to every package or bundle of nursery stock sold or transported by any person.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	musk thistle
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	perennial sowthistle
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	plumeless thistle
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed
<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	hemp
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	leafy spurge
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	perennial peppergrass
<i>Rhus radicans</i>	poison ivy
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , <i>L. virgatum</i> or combination	purple loosestrife
<i>Centaurea repens</i>	Russian knapweed

QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

POTATO CONTAINER REGULATIONS

PESTS: All injurious bacteria, insects and nematodes associated with used containers.

STATES REGULATED: All states except MN and ND.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Bags, boxes and other containers which have been used for potatoes.

RESTRICTIONS: The regulated products may not be moved into the State of Minnesota from the regulated area unless cleaned and disinfected in an authorized and approved manner so as to kill all bacteria, insects and nematodes.

VERTICILLIUM QUARANTINE

PEST: *Verticillium* spp.

STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: Mint (*Mentha piperita* and *M. spicata*).

RESTRICTIONS: Movement of regulated articles into MN is prohibited unless certified free of *Verticillium* spp. fungi.

JAPANESE BEETLE QUARANTINE (Exterior Plant Quarantine 92-1)

PEST: Japanese beetle, *Popillia japonica*

STATES REGULATED: All of AL, CT, DE, DC, GA, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MD, MI, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV; portions of MO, NE, WS, Quebec and Ontario, Canada.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Soil, humus, compost, manure (except commercially packaged); all plants with roots (except bareroot plants free from soil); grass sod; plant crowns, roots, bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes of ornamental plants (except when free from soil); and other means of spreading Japanese beetle.

RESTRICTIONS: Minnesota Department of Agriculture Plant Quarantine 92-1 Japanese Beetle was revised to incorporate provisions of the U.S.-Canada Harmonization Agreement (HA). Under the provisions of this agreement nursery stock shipments into Minnesota must be accompanied by an official document (state of origin option as to format) which certifies the nursery stock Japanese beetle free based on conditions described in the HA.

Minnesota does not accept treatments or production practices which are not sanctioned in the HA. The documents must state through which procedure you certified the nursery stock.

Nursery stock which comes from a Japanese beetle infested area without official documentation will be held off sale until it can be determined if it was certified according to the conditions listed in the HA. Nursery stock which cannot be certified is subject to destruction or return to origin at the seller's expense.

Minnesota inspectors will review documents for one of the following statements:

“The nursery stock in this shipment is certified apparently free from Japanese beetle”; or

“The nursery stock is free from Japanese beetle based upon compliance with U.S.-Canada Japanese Beetle Harmonization Agreement protocols.”

The document attesting to this certification must be signed and by a state regulatory official and bear a date contemporary with the shipment.

Plant Quarantine 92-2 Japanese Beetle (Interior Quarantine)

Carver County was added to the list of infested counties.

There are now six in Minnesota: **Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.**

Whittet Kikuyu Grass Quarantine

PEST: *Pennisetum clandestinum*

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STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: Whittet Kikuyu Grass plants or parts of plants capable of growing, including parts of stems and rhizomes.

RESTRICTIONS: Movement of regulated articles into Minnesota is prohibited.